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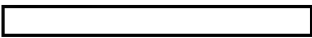
MEMORANDUM FOR: General Marshall Carter
Deputy Director Central Intelligence



SUBJECT: Scheduling of Satellite Reconnaissance
Projects for November--December


1. This note responds to your request of this morning to find out if it would be technically possible to obtain additional hardware from NASA to launch two CORONA missions more than currently scheduled. I am informed by NRO, 
 as follows:

a. The two CORONA payloads currently available in addition to the two scheduled in paragraph 3 can be used prior to the end of December only if

1. Our ARGON is cancelled

2. Experimental work 


 is interrupted with serious adverse effect to that program.

b. We cannot launch additional CORONA missions by postponing or cancelling  within the November--December time period.

c. Finally, also due to technical problems, it would not be possible to obtain additional booster or AGENA hardware from NASA to fire the two additional CORONA payloads.

James Q. Reber
Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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